

**DRAFT REVISIONS TO STATE BAR BOARD OF GOVERNORS
ELECTION STATUTES**

(Timing and Ballot Distribution Issues)
(Authorized by the Board of Governors May 4, 2002)

SECTION 1. Section 6016 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

'6016. The term of office of each attorney member of the board shall commence at the conclusion of the annual meeting next succeeding his *or her* election, and he *or she* shall hold office until his *or her* successor is elected and qualified.

Vacancies in the board of governors shall be filled by the board by special election or by appointment for the unexpired term.

The board of governors may provide by rule for an interim board to act in the place and stead of the board when because of vacancies during terms of office there is less than a quorum of the board.

SECTION 2. Section 6019 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

'6019. Each place upon the board for which a member is to be elected shall for the purposes of the election be deemed a separate office.

If only one member seeks election to an office, the member is deemed elected. If two or more members seek election to the same office, the election shall be by ballot. The ballots shall be ~~mailed distributed~~ to those entitled to vote at least twenty days prior to the date of canvassing the ballots and shall be returned ~~by mail to the principal office of~~ *to a site or sites designated by* the State Bar, where they shall be canvassed at least five days prior to the ensuing annual meeting. At the annual meeting, the count shall be certified and the result officially declared.

In all other respects the elections shall be as the board may by rule direct.

SECTION. 3. Section 6021 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

'6021. Within the period of ~~180~~ *270* days next preceding the annual meeting, the board, at a meeting called for that purpose, shall elect the president, vice

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presidents and treasurer for the ensuing year. The president shall be elected from among those members of the board whose terms on the boards expire that year, or if no such member is able and willing to serve, then from among the board members who have completed at least one or more years of their terms.

The other officers shall be elected from among the board members who have at least one or more years to complete their respective terms.

The newly elected president, vice presidents and treasurer shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the conclusion of the annual meeting following their election.